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SYSTEM

System project analyzes sexual assault

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UT School of Social Work launched a new, multi-year research project last week to better understand student experiences with sexual assault and interpersonal violence.

UT System Chancellor William McRaven requested a project across the System to assess campus sexual assault “climate” after seeing a similar survey conducted on UT-Austin’s campus.

The resulting project, called the Cultivating Learning and Safe Environments project, officially launched when the researchers sent an email last Monday to all UT-Austin freshmen asking them to participate in a survey.

Some aspects of the CLASE project began last year, however, when researchers conducted focus groups at other UT System institutions such as UT-El Paso, UT-Dallas, UT Medical Branch and

UT-Austin. The project is unique because it includes 13 of the 14 UT System institutions and takes place over four years, according to CLASE project director Caitlin Sulley.

“It’s critical for students to learn their voices so that our institutions can respond to them and support them and prevent these forms of violence from happening,” Sulley said. “Their voices are so valuable



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UT School of Social Work recently launched the Cultivating Learning and Safe Environments project.

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CAMPUS

UT officials discuss work on Speedway Mall project

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The ongoing transformation of Speedway into a pedestrian mall has contributed to students’ familiarity with construction. However, many have been left wondering when the construction will end and how the 36 million dollar project will cater to their needs.

An information session updating the status of the Speedway Mall project Thursday answered these questions and allowed attendees to interact with UT officials, architects and others involved with the project.

The new Mall, which is scheduled to be completed in January 2018, will provide an outdoor learning space with more tables and electrical outlets, landscaping and lighting, said Jim Walker, director at the UT Office of Sustainability. There will also be four food truck locations along the new Mall with two at 21st Street and Speedway, and two at 24th Street and Speedway.

“Speedway will provide a space for students to gather informally, an area where student activities and student organizations can be promoted, a place for campus-wide festivals, performances by student music and dance groups,” said Mark Brooks, project manager at the UT System Office of Facilities Planning and Construction. “A campus transformation with the Speedway Mall project will make a significant enhancement in the edu-

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STATE

State lawmakers urge reform for CPS

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Members of the Texas Senate Finance Committee proposed emergency funding Monday for the state’s Child Protective Services to hire more caseworkers and raise current caseworkers’ salaries to keep up with foster care children’s cases.

“Ultimately they’re going to need to sustain a higher level of investment to have more caseworkers and they’re going to need to raise the pay so they can retain good and experienced caseworkers for this very important work,” said Gina Hinojosa, District 49’s State House Representative-elect.

Members suggested \$75.3 million in funding, with \$67.6 million from state general funds and the remaining \$7.7 million in federal funding, according to an article by the Texas Tribune.

According to the Texas Senate Finance Committee, the caseworkers’ raise would be \$12,000 per person.

“I think all of our caseworkers do need a raise,” said Shari Pulliam, media specialist for the Texas Department of



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UT Alumnus Will Francis works as the government relations director of the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and helps children in the foster care system.

Family and Protective Services. “When you have other higher paying jobs, especially in a metropolitan city, of course they’re going to gravitate towards those jobs.”

Christine Johnson, director of the School of Social Work’s Child Welfare Education Collaboration, said the Child Welfare League of America, which advocates for family and child welfare, recommends 12 to 15 cases per social worker, but being overworked with more cases is common.

“We never really get the funding that we need,”

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UNIVERSITY

Student advising finds new approach

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Forty-one percent of universities, including UT-Austin, are using predictive analytics for targeted student advising, adaptive online coursework or forecasting class size and financial aid need, according to a research paper released by think tank New America.

Manuela Ekowo, one of the paper’s researchers and policy analyst at New America, said when she started working on the paper she was interested in learning more about how universities were using

different analytical tools to support students of color, low-income students and first-generation college students.

“Predictive analytics [are used] to recruit students, to offer them financial aid, but also for powering the early alert system that helps identify students who may be at risk of either failing a course or dropping out of school,” Ekowo said. “Advisors intervene before those outcomes pan out.”

Data used by universities to predict success includes current student transcripts,

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SYSTEM

Regents hear recommendations for 2017

By Van Nguyen
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The final UT System Board of Regents meeting scheduled for the year was held Wednesday, where members of the board listened to recommendations on how to proceed into the upcoming year.

The 85th Texas Legislative Session begins in January, and the System has begun to prioritize issues that will affect students at its 14 institutions. Barry McBee, UT System vice chancellor and chief governmental relations officer, presented a preview of its priorities.

Stable funding for all of the institutions is a top priority for the System and most public universities in Texas, McBee said.

“We will seek funding at the same rates as were provided to us in 2015, to account for additional students plus some inflation factors,” McBee said.

One of the ways Texas universities provide financial aid is through tuition set-asides. This practice takes a percentage of each student’s tuition and allocates it to financial aid for students in need. McBee said this is usually the only financial support middle-class students receive.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has



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Chancellor William McRaven speaks at the first day of meeting for The Board of Regents on November 4, 2015.

condemned this practice by Texas universities and has stated before he considers it a hidden tax on students.

“This has increasingly been portrayed as a subsidy

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KFC is disgusting. It's like eating a seasoned, wet scab.

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Amita Batra, a mechanical engineering sophomore, performs Thursday afternoon during UT's Diwali festival.

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past student transcripts and family income.

Predictive analytics are also used in adaptive online courseware, which is tailored to a student's educational needs, Ekowo said.

Approximately 500 entering freshmen who are least likely to graduate are identified using predictive analytics and offered a spot in the University Leadership Network, which aims to help students graduate in four years, said UT-Austin President Gregory Fennes at the Board of Regents meeting Wednesday.

Through advising and leadership training, the program is able to help students graduate on time. Up to \$20,000 in scholarships are also offered to students in the program, along with opportunities for on-campus internships, Fennes said in his presentation.

At the meeting Fennes said the program has been

a success in helping underprivileged students who need financial assistance.

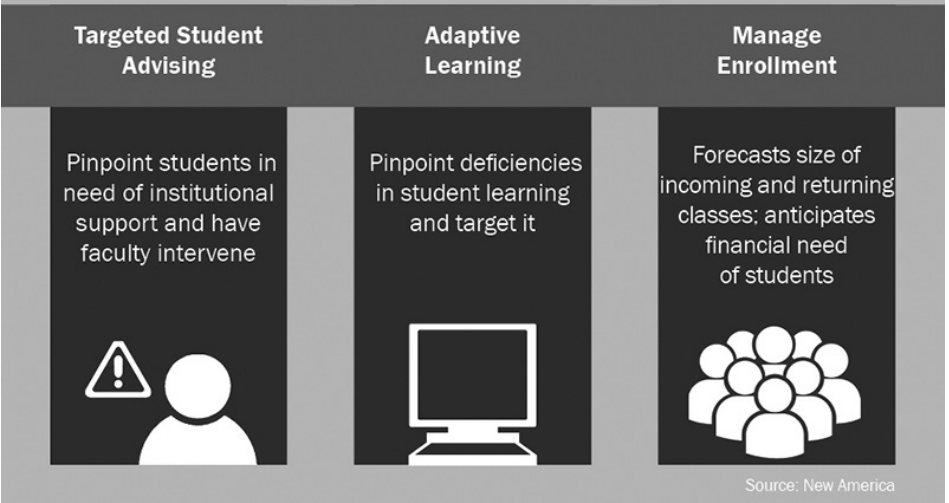
"It's not who gets to go to college, it's who gets to graduate once they're in college and that's the problem we're starting to address," Fennes said.

Predictive analytics are also used at UT to forecast four-year graduation rates, according to Fennes' presentation. He also said the Class of 2017 ULN students have a 33 percent chance of graduating in four years, while the Class of 2017 non-ULN students have a 56 percent chance of graduating in four years.

Other universities have also used predictive analytics to great success, Ekowo said.

At Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, they have a course recommendation system, called Degree Compass, which uses predictive analytics to recommend courses to freshmen based on their high school transcripts, said Bill Persinger, executive director of public relations

How Predictive Analytics is Used in Higher Education



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and marketing at APSU. For upperclassmen, courses are recommended based on past performance.

Persinger also said the system can accurately predict a student's grade in a class using past data.

"In some cases it helped

motivate students to beat the system," Persinger said. "It's become a critical component to us to help [students] get through in four years."

Despite the success of the program, Ekowo said she still has concerns with increases in its usage by universities.

"We do have concern that if [predictive analytics] become heavily used, that they can potentially become restrictive, where students don't have the option other than to do what the recommended system is saying that they should pursue," Ekowo said.

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and critical."

The study aims to survey 1,200 students once a semester over four years to gauge students' experiences with forms of violence since they enrolled at UT. The only UT System institution that did not participate was the UT Health Science Center at Tyler, which had too few members to participate and preserve anonymity.

Wanda Mercer, a UT System associate vice chancellor, said while these issues are not more pressing at UT than anywhere else, the campuses have an obligation to support the students who suffer from sexual and domestic violence.

"Our campuses are microcosms of society," Mercer said. "So it would be silly of us to think that these kinds of things didn't exist on our campuses."

Sulley said the research team hopes to empower students through their work and will collaborate with Title IX coordinators, deans of students and administrators at the various UT institutions who work with students on a daily basis.

"We want to be able to understand what happens over the course of the college experience and to use what we have learned to better serve students and prevent these forms of violence from happening in the first place," Sulley said.

Mercer described the

project taking place in "shallow dives," "medium dives" and "deep dives," with varying levels on engagement with participants. The shallow dive consists of analyzing the data from the climate survey, while the medium dive researchers conduct focus groups with students from other UT institutions, and the deep dive will include tracking students' experiences at UT Austin over four years.

"The comprehensive nature of this research project is going to give us lots of information," Mercer said. "I'm proud that we are doing this significant research project to hear our students, but more importantly to respond to our students."

Physics freshman Greg

Pauloski said he chose to participate in the study because a research member came to his UGS class and personally explained the importance of this research. He also said the prospect of a \$20 gift card from the University Co-Op encouraged him.

"[The researchers] explained the premise of the survey was to get an understanding around the culture around things like domestic violence here at UT, how prevalent it was, how often it's something I see, engage with and encounter on a daily basis," Pauloski said. "Hopefully the answers I gave on the survey helped them to improve the community here at UT over the next four years."

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by some students for other students, when in fact every student's education is subsidized because the state appropriations and tuition don't pay the cost of the education of any one of our students on the campuses," McBee said.

Patrick has also pushed to repeal the DREAM Act, which allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition. The System has made it a priority to make sure the act makes it through the legislative session as well.

Other priorities include addressing Texas mental health needs, changes to the top 10 percent rule and preserving the current campus carry law which

allows presidents to declare certain zones gun-free.

Mental health has been a top priority for the System, and in 2015 UT Austin received \$2,552,268 for two projects over the next three years, one being the after-hours mental health crisis line.

Currently, all students at the 14 UT institutions have access to this program. A counselor is available to speak to 24/7, including holidays, and they are trained to respond in crisis situations.

Chris Brownson, UT-Austin associate vice president for student affairs, provided updates on system-wide programs implemented in 2015. He helped implement the after-hours mental health crisis line,

at UT-Austin.

In August alone, there were a total of 301 calls to the crisis line throughout the system, and Brownson said close to 17 percent of these calls are urgent.

"It is not unusual for these [calls] to be life-saving endeavors that occur," Brownson said.

Brownson shared one incident in which the crisis line helped avert a suicide. A student who had a gun in the other hand called the crisis line because he saw the advertisements on campus and the counselors were able to contact police to get the student to safety, Brownson said.

Other programs implemented last year include bystander intervention

initiatives, alcohol education programs and centers for recovering addicts. Funding for several of these programs will need to be renewed in 2018.

At the meeting, Board members also approved to unanimously provide \$392.2 million from the Permanent University Fund bond to be split up among nine buildings across the System, with \$100 million going to UT-Austin's new Energy Engineering Building. The PUF consists of UT System investments from land in west Texas owned by the UT and A&M Systems.

"We're trying to do the best we can right now [in areas] where we think we can drive the universities to the next level," Chancellor William McRaven said.

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Forum: Learn from our past, fight for your future

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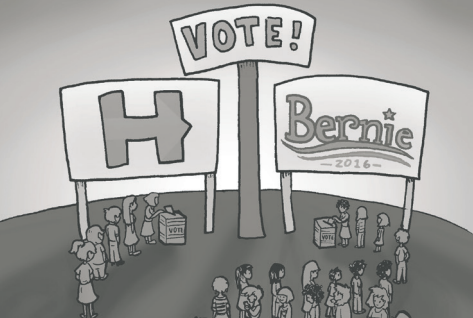
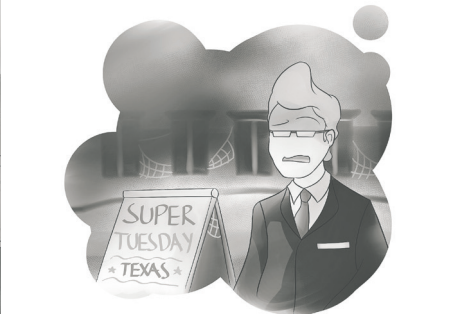
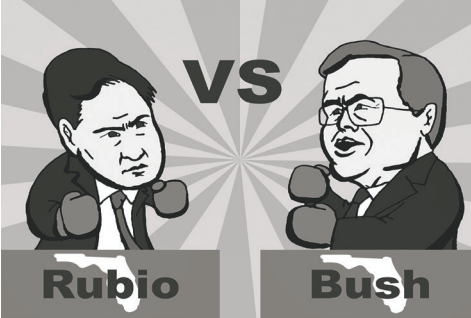
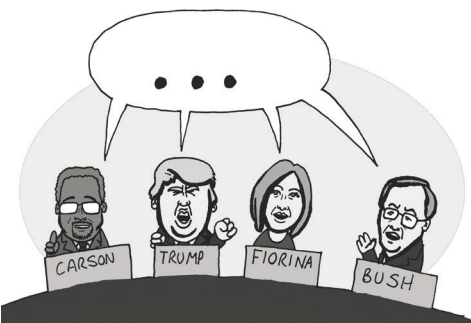
In 1881, a wealthy, protectionist New York Republican with no political experience and funny-looking hair took the Oath of Office, to much of America’s horror. He had no popular mandate — he was named VP to satisfy the pro-corruption wing of his party, and became President when James Garfield was killed by a disgruntled madman motivated by the era’s toxic political climate — and no apparent interest in public policy. Partisan hacks and regressive forces rejoiced: Their only barrier to the powers of the White House was narcissistic, manipulable and owned 80 pairs of pants.

And over the next four years, Chester A. Arthur stunned his supporters and critics alike. In the face of public pressure, he turned on his faction and championed his predecessor’s signature anti-corruption bill — the Pendleton Act, which ensures a competent and nonpartisan civil service, is still in effect today. He simplified the tax code and he rebuilt the Navy. He avoided conflicts overseas. His apathy towards racial justice cut both ways: In accordance with popular will, he both stopped using the military to expropriate Native lands and signed the Chinese Exclusion Act. He quit after one term, at which point Democrats took back the presidency.

But there’s a darker side to Arthur’s story. As the first president to serve a full term in the post-Reconstruction era, Arthur and his backers could have set the precedent for aggressive federal enforcement of civil rights provisions in the South. In the interest of partisan and national reconciliation, they didn’t. Lynchings, poll taxes and Jim Crow followed.

Chester A. Arthur might have improbably brought the country together. But he could only do so by abandoning the black lives he was tasked to protect. And so, in many respects, we are still grappling with the legacy of Arthur’s greatest failure.

On Tuesday, America most likely did not elect the reincarnation of Chester A. Arthur.



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We elected a bully and a sociopath, one who will soon wield military, economic and cultural power that Arthur could never have imagined, who has threatened to use that power against the most vulnerable among us.

But the triumphs and failures of the Arthur administration can offer us a few important lessons on how to move forward in the months and years ahead. To those elated by the result, do not let strength become the enemy of compassion. To those dispirited, do not let fear become the enemy of progress — and never lose faith in your

ability to make a difference, both out on the streets and in the halls of power. And most importantly, to the majority of Americans hoping to just move on from an acrimonious campaign, do not let unity become the enemy of justice.

Our Forum today tackles some of these lessons. Guest columnist Sophie Jerwick writes on why so many Americans are grieving this week — and how to translate that grief into action. And editor-in-chief Alexander Chase discusses the political approach it’ll take to mitigate the damage this

election has wrought.

We’ll have lots more coverage from many more angles in the weeks to come. Now more than ever, we encourage the community to share their thoughts and reactions with us at editor@dailytexanonline.com. In the meantime, we hope you remain encouraged by our country’s successes thus far, vigilant against any efforts to undermine them, and motivated by how much work lies ahead in the pursuit of a more perfect union.

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COLUMN

Democracy requires our efforts after Election Day

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We’ve been writing about this election for far too long. For many of you on campus, the way it ended was a disappointment; for others, a begrudging victory or a vindication. But to believe it is the end would be to learn yet another wrong lesson from a campaign cycle full of them.

I joined The Daily Texan shortly after most candidates announced their candidacy last fall with the intention of writing about transportation and environmental policy. I wanted to help bring light to the sorts of obscure, simple changes that can greatly affect our lives. But I also did so because I knew that many of those changes require putting the right people into the right offices and checking the right boxes when key ballot measures come our way. As a Canadian citizen, I didn’t have the right to vote. I still don’t.

Like much of this campus, I threw myself into this election and sought to find the

ways that we could guide change. In March, we effectively elected a new state representative for campus, and in April, our city opted to hold firm on its regulations of the ride-hailing industry. But the marathon race for president was the one that captured most of our attention, for better or worse.

There are a few moments I remember while standing in my kitchen in June of 2015, before I ever considered writing for The Daily Texan, chopping zucchini and watching Jon Stewart play footage of Donald Trump descending an escalator in Trump Tower before declaring his candidacy. I remember hearing Marco Rubio lay out what I thought would be the new Republican climate policy in the second Republican debate — and repeating the same line over and over during the eighth. And I remember Bernie Sanders claiming that America is “sick and tired of hearing about [Hillary Clinton’s] damn emails” over a year before the election.

Covering this election has been a gut-wrenching experience, and not always because of the results. It gave students a chance

to divide themselves behind different candidates over and over. We found new reasons to be fearful of one another and to lose faith in institutions that we should want to have faith in. And even as we get charged up to vote by Nov. 8, we were witnesses to a massively consequential moment in American history where nearly half of all eligible voters stayed home. We should be embarrassed about that.

After writing and editing hundreds of thousands of words worth of articles about national and state politics, I ask that you not mistake powerlessness over the Electoral College for inability to affect change over government institutions that affect you. If you care about immigration policy or policing, then help like-minded people get elected to the commissioner’s court and sheriff’s office on the county level. Work at the State Capitol to guide legislation in this next session and help make education in Texas fairer for everyone. Follow local reporters on Twitter to hear about the events that will affect you as early as you can. And most of all, erase the idea that democratic involvement ends at the ballot box.

“And please, if I can convince you of nothing else, do not threaten to move to Canada, no matter how great things seem there.”

Avoiding the issue is not an option. Unfriending people on Facebook who disagree with you and hiding deeper in a bubble of confirmation bias will only further insulate you from policy issues that do not affect you, but do affect elections. And please, if I can convince you of nothing else, do not threaten to move to Canada, no matter how great things seem there. They’ve confronted their problems and voted against anti-Muslim fearmongering. It’s our job to stick around and guarantee that our politics — on both sides of the aisle — is dominated by ideas, not fear.

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FORUM

Grieve for Clinton loss, prepare to stand for justice

By Sophie Jerwick
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Our new fight has a martyr, and her name is Hillary Clinton. As we painfully watch our beloved champion lose, we are thrust into the seven stages of grief. This is a scientific theory suggesting experience of particular emotions when a person is faced with loss. The campaign that we donated to, volunteered for, passionately informed our Facebook friends about and sacrificed pleasant family dinners to make a point of, is dead. Now, we must acknowledge our numbing despair, take time to heal and harness this love for progressive politics into concrete action. We may have lost this race, but now it is our duty to use every ounce of power to prevent Donald Trump and his cronies from turning back the clock on our liberties.

However, on Tuesday night I was far from this fired up, social justice warrior, let’s-go-protest attitude. I was in the first stage of

grief: shock and denial. It took the form of tapping out around 11 o’clock on election night, unable to bring myself to watch the nightmare unfolding before us. Wednesday morning, I woke up heartbroken. More deflated, depressed and disappointed than angry. Even though political activism is the crux of my personal identity, I felt so powerless and small that I wanted to quit studying government. This was stage two: pain and guilt. For some of us, it may also include regretting not going to that phone bank, canvassing event or protest. Next, comes the anger and bargaining phase. I saw this take form in hating Trump’s supporters and blaming those who voted for a third party. In our frustration, some of us scapegoated our fellow citizens in the similar fashion of white supremacists. We must remember that sympathizing with each other’s grief and supporting one another makes us stronger together. Our purpose now is not to antagonize Trump supporters, it’s to unite.

After frustration, you should expect

reflection, loneliness, and depression. Maybe this will hit us around the inauguration, when Trump designates cracking open our oceans for oil, or sets off a trade war by aggravating China. Immigration Customs Enforcement will start tearing families to pieces by ending visa programs, Trump’s new task force will stop and frisk young black Americans with racism instead of a warrant, and the Syrian refugees desperately knocking on America’s gates will be told to go back to homes that no longer stand. We have more pain ahead of us. But this suffering will be the power fueling our battles. The love for our families, friends and communities will bring us to an upward turn in the fifth stage. Here we will begin to find hope again. In the sixth stage of reconstruction, we will organize our communities. We will find which issue we want to dig our heels into, whether it’s justice for black lives, the right to practice your religion, your body being your choice or keeping your immigrant family intact. Let our new martyr inspire you to go to that first

NAACP meeting or scream louder at that climate change protest. This woman dedicated the past 30 years of her life to fighting tooth and nail for our human rights. We owe it to Hillary Clinton to preserve her life’s work. This seventh stage will be acceptance and hope. A hope so fierce it awakens our country from this cesspool of bigotry.

I walked to class in a tear-stained fog Wednesday morning, but was jolted awake by Hillary’s words in her concession speech: “Please never stop believing that fighting for what’s right is worth it. It’s always worth it. And we need you keep up these fights now and for the rest of your lives.” Take these few days to recuperate and acknowledge your grief. We will heal. We will organize. Through such agony and oppression will bloom a progressive outcry that Trump cannot ignore.

Somewhere, a girl is watching the news and plotting how to break this damn ceiling. Maybe she’s you.

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Sci-fi film ‘Arrival’ unfolds into mind-bending finale

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Decoding language is a dynamic exchange. The linguist poses a question, gets a response, then interprets it based on what came before. Watching Denis Villeneuve’s sci-fi masterpiece “Arrival” is a similar experience. His narrative unfolds a step ahead of its audience, building from a beautifully acted, emotionally rich, slow-burning drama to a mind-bending twist finale.

Linguistics professor Louise Banks (Amy Adams) is grieving from a divorce and the death of her daughter when 12 alien orbs land on earth. The U.S. military brings her and mathematician Ian Donnelly (Jeremy Renner) to a landing site in Montana to approach the aliens, decipher their language and pose a simple yet crucial question: “What is your purpose on earth?”

Adams’ emotionally transparent but intellectually driven performance ranks among 2016’s best. Renner adapts the charisma of his arrow-wielding hero Hawkeye to a bookish, comical role with ease. Louise and Ian’s romance spans an age-old dichotomy between art and science, but their down-to-earth interactions and subtle flirtations temper the film’s intellectual weight.

“Arrival”’s trailers promised a race between America and other world powers to decode

the aliens’ language. Other nations think the aliens arrived to incite war, so when they promise a weapon, the race begins. The first to translate their language gets the upper hand. Villeneuve builds large-scale tension and piles on timely questions of unity versus division and hostility versus pacifism, despite his claustrophobic adherence to Louise’s perspective.

The film is largely confined to tents in a field in Montana, but perfectly timed glimpses of soldiers’ communication rooms and news broadcasts reveal the global stakes of this individual encounter: widespread protests, violent panic and other nations threatening attacks. If nations expect hostility from the aliens, they might provoke a world war with their weapon. If they expect amity, the tool the aliens promise might transcend borders.

“Prisoners” and “Sicario” showed Villeneuve’s mastery of dark drama, incipient suspense and slow horror. “Arrival” is lighter fare, but his introspective tone, attention to detail and deliberate pacing still shine. He emphasizes the human experience of global alien contact. Students’ texts ding, filling Louise’s lecture hall before she learns of alien contact, the helicopter reflection blinks in the frame above Louise’s bed before its roar shakes her awake, the cherry picker slowly raises her and Ian into the dark orb, grav-



Courtesy of Paramount

Villeneuve’s moody sci-fi drama “Arrival” will thrill, inspire and amaze.

ity shifts when they enter a tunnel. Accentuating ordinary details in extraordinary situations, Villeneuve generates Spielbergian wonder but emphasizes unease over spectacle. Beneath “Arrival”’s narrative smolders unexpected mystery. Pay attention to plot holes, emotional flashbacks and uncanny parallels between past and present. Like the inconsistencies

Louise works around in the aliens’ language, what many may mistake for narrative flaws are hints to a groundbreaking payoff, and unlike many Hollywood twist endings, this one doesn’t overthrow the previous story or themes. It only enhances them.

Like “Interstellar” or “2001: A Space Odyssey,” “Arrival” plunges into the

depths of time and perception but surfaces closest to the human heart. Enraptured by the story, we hold on for the ride, drifting away from familiar logic, universal laws and credible science, hoping to emerge enlightened.

“Arrival”’s twist isn’t its centerpiece. It’s icing on the cake of a masterpiece equal parts emotional catharsis and

intellectual adventure. An interstellar voyage for the mind and an earth-bound space odyssey for the soul, “Arrival” demands to be seen twice.

DANCE

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Jhalak a lot of them understand how actually integrated music and dance is into our culture,” Raghunandhan said. “They learn more about how Bollywood isn’t just meaningless dancing, it’s more about performing and expressing our culture in a variety of ways.”

Although classical Indian dances typically reflect traditional cultural elements, Nritya Sangam incorporates current

stories and issues into its dances. Last year, the group choreographed a dance to depict the refugee crisis.

“I was really proud of that one because it touched a lot of people and it was very topical at the time,” Shriram said.

Although she won’t compete at Jhalak for the \$3,000 grand prize, Shriram still enjoys performing in front of the UT community as part of Nritya Sangam at the event.

“The greatest thing about doing it at UT, besides performing

for those you know and love, is when people that you don’t know come up and say ‘I really liked that, that was inspiring,’” Shriram said. “It’s really nice to know that you’re reaching audiences that you didn’t think you would just because the UT community is so diverse and supportive.”

Above all, Jagada said the teams competing at this level are the best in the country.

“We do pure dance and that’s why we have such a high standard,” Jagada said. “I think it’s

really important to be able to share the Indian culture and spread what the South Asian community stands for at UT.”

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recipient of one of the Big Medium fellowships for event participants, said she also believes the tour is helping bring attention to Austin area artists on a larger scale.

“It brings a really diverse group of people out to meet the makers, artists and crafters that are residents of Austin and you get to speak with them on a more personal level that you wouldn’t be able to if you were out in pub-

lic or at an art opening,” Johnson said. “You are in a very intimate space because that is where artists spend time making their work.”

EAST, Nimura said, has become a representation of the growing Austin art community working with one another.

“I think it really helps to knit us together more,” Nimura said. “I think Austin artists [are supportive] towards one another and I think institutions are starting to catch up to that supportiveness.”

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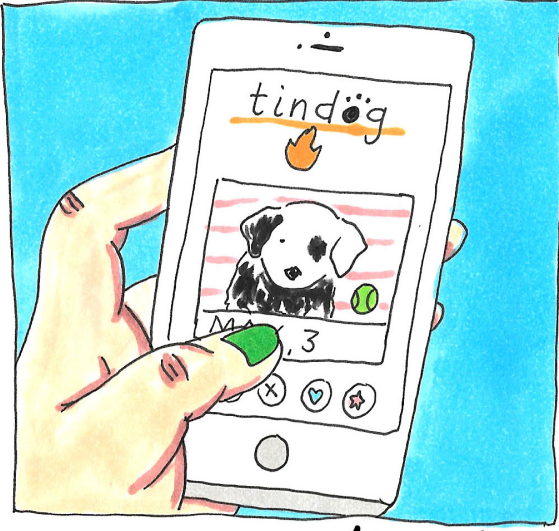
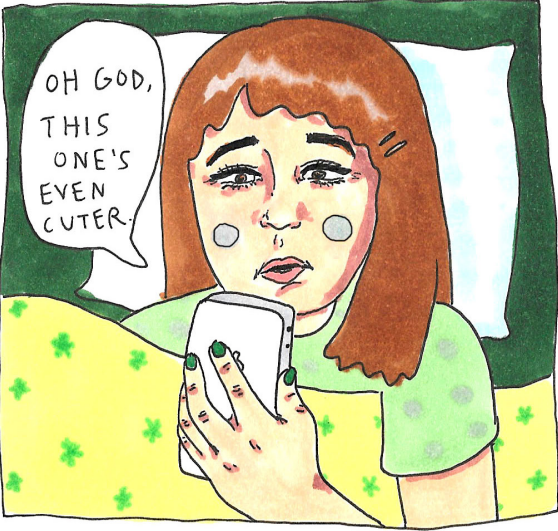
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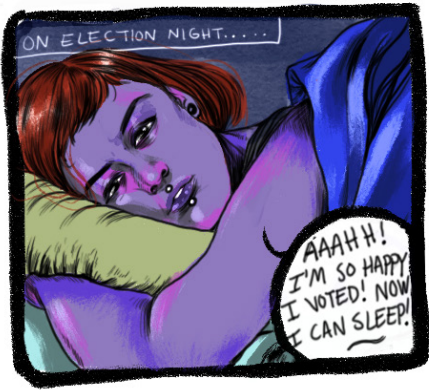
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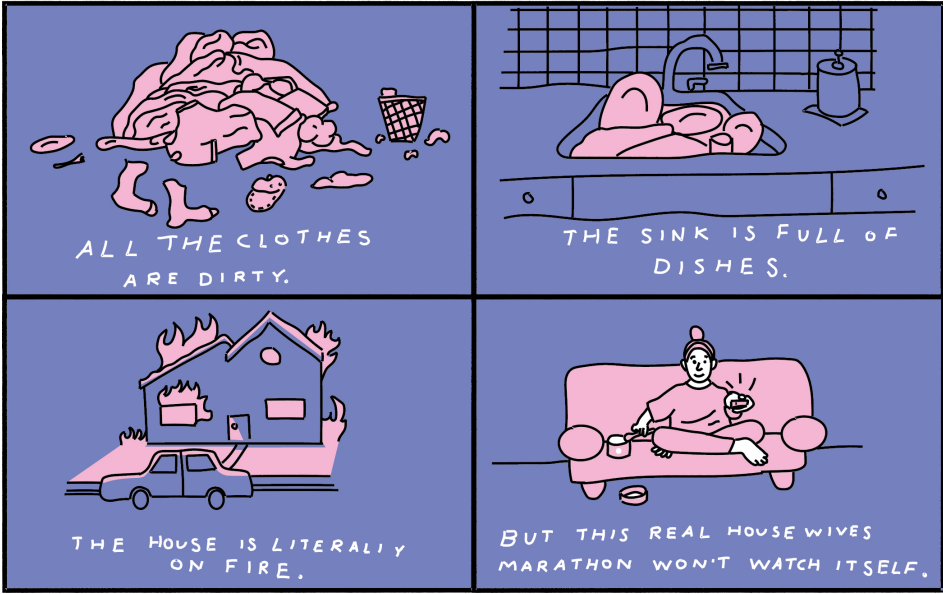
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FOOTBALL

Optimistic Longhorns face tough task

By Michael Shapiro
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There is a decidedly different attitude amongst the Longhorns this week compared to two weeks ago.

Texas was reeling in mid-October coming off of a 21-24 road loss at Kansas State. The burnt orange sat at 3-4 and looked like a team prepared to limp to the season's finish line.

"I really couldn't tell you [why it's happening]," senior defensive lineman Paul Boyette Jr. said following the loss to the Wildcats. "I think what's real crazy is we allow, like, outside influences to get in our heads ... We can't use any more excuses. We have to get over this hump."

But two weeks and two wins have turned around the mood in the Longhorn locker room. After knocking off then-No. 8 Baylor in Austin and a high-powered Texas Tech offense in Lubbock, the team is suddenly brimming with optimism.

"It's just the confidence factor, man," senior linebacker Tim Cole said. "We knew what's at stake, and we all just stepped our game up as far as our preparation, how we practice. It correlates to the field."

The doom and gloom of mid-October has now ceded the way to chest-thumping conviction. And the Longhorns can thank their stud running back for the increase in both wins and morale.

Junior D'Onta Foreman decimated opposing defenses the past two weeks, adding fuel to his Heisman aspirations.



Emmanuel Brisenio | Daily Texan Staff

Junior running back D'Onta Foreman raced by defenders all day against Texas Tech last Saturday. The Heisman hopeful will have a harder time gaining yards against a West Virginia squad that ranks No. 4 in the Big 12 in rushing defense.

His biggest game came last week in a 45-37 victory over the Red Raiders — a 341-yard, three touchdown performance. Whenever the Longhorns need a big play, it can rely on Foreman to deliver the goods.

"[Foreman] wants the ball every play," freshman quarterback Shane Buechele said. "I say it every week, but he's done an amazing job. It keeps showing. He keeps having better performances, even when people stack the box against him."

Foreman must continue his impressive play if the Longhorns plan on defeating No. 16 West Virginia on Saturday. Star cornerback Rasul Douglas leads the Mountaineers' stout defensive unit with his Big 12-best five interceptions. West Virginia has only allowed one opponent to cross the 30-point threshold this year, while Texas has allowed over 30 points six times.

The Mountaineer defense thrives off its discipline and sound tackling. And while head coach Dana Holgorsen is known for his innovative offenses, he has installed a defense that leads the conference in points allowed per game.

"They're stingy, they're good, they're solid," Gilbert said. "They graduated a bunch of guys last year, they had a bunch of guys get drafted, and then they replaced them some good older guys. They're sound on that side of the ball, and they're very physical."

Texas has seized control of its season over the past two weeks, and the team is now flying high heading into Saturday's matchup with one-loss West Virginia. The team looks to keep its momentum going and clinch a bowl game with a win over the Mountaineers this weekend.

"I think winning these two [games] has been a good confidence builder for them," Strong said. "Now they feel like, 'Hey, let's go get the next one, work hard, not take these two for granted.' We know we still got a lot of work to get done."

MEN'S BASKETBALL



Gabriel Lopez | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore guard Eric Davis Jr. only averaged 7.4 points per game in his freshman season, but he's ready to be head coach Shaka Smart's go-to player in both of their second seasons.

Davis leads confident group into Smart's second season

By Claire Cruz
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Last November, Texas opened up its season with a loss to Washington in Shanghai, China. This year, the Longhorns hope to get started on a better track.

No. 21 Texas tips off its season with a matchup against Incarnate Word at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Frank Erwin Center. The home opener won't provide the same spectacle as a trip overseas, but head coach Shaka Smart is happy to start the season in front of a burnt orange crowd.

"We're glad to be opening up [at home]," Smart said. "It gives us a level of normalcy in terms of routine as we start the year. I'm excited to see how our team responds."

The meeting will be the first between the two programs. The Cardinals finished last season with a 17-12 record but lost their four leading scorers this offseason.

Junior guard Shawn Johnson highlights the team's returning lineup

after averaging 9.5 points per game and racking up 34 blocks last season. He's expected to carry the load on both sides of the floor for the young Cardinal's team.

With sophomore guards Kerwin Roach Jr. and Tevin Mack suspended for the opener, Texas turns to sophomore Eric Davis Jr. and freshman Andrew Jones to man the point guard responsibilities. Davis and Jones scored 12 and 17 points, respectively, in Texas' exhibition game against Angelo State.

Davis has expressed his eagerness to be Texas' go-to option late in games. And although Smart said the Longhorns probably won't have one player who always has the ball in his hands, he said Davis has the potential to be the "big moment guy."

"Eric can be as good as he wants to be," Smart said. "But Eric needs to understand there's a set of things that go into being the best you can be, and he also needs to know that to whom much is given, much

is expected."

The Longhorns also hope for big performances from their freshmen. Guard Jacob Young led the team in scoring against Angelo State with 21 points, followed by Jones and forward Jarrett Allen, who scored 14. Allen was named to the 50-player 2017 Naismith Award Preseason Watch List on Thursday, an award given to the best player in college basketball.

Smart said he's excited about his freshmen's progress so far and thinks they'll continue to get better as they gain experience. With three games slated for the next week, the Longhorns will be tested early. Still, they're ready for the challenge.

"We're definitely at the point where it's time to start playing some games," Smart said. "That'll give us a chance to gain experience and learn. I'm sure there'll be some things that we feel we need to really get better at in a hurry and we'll continue to address those things."

VOLLEYBALL

Texas aims to gather its last road victory

By Steve Helwick
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The Longhorns hit the road to play Iowa State this weekend in Ames, Iowa. Texas hopes the next time it has to travel will be further down the line in the middle of a lengthy tournament run.

Last year, the Longhorns traveled to Norman, Oklahoma, to take on the Sooners in the final week of the regular season. They didn't venture away from Austin again until they played in the NCAA Championships in Omaha, Nebraska.

Now, Texas hopes to earn another long home stand through the postseason.

"To have the next four matches after Iowa State at home is awesome, especially since we potentially have the chance to host our regional here," senior setter Chloe Collins said.

Earlier this year, the Cyclones tested the Longhorns in Austin. Texas led 2-0, but Iowa State sparked an impressive comeback to send the match to a fifth set. The Longhorns ultimately regrouped by the final set, claiming a 15-10 victory to narrowly escape their in-conference opponent.

The match served as a turning point in Iowa State's season. After falling to 8-8 with the loss, the Cyclones have charged through Big 12 play, winning seven of their last eight. Iowa State has swept four teams in this timespan,

emerging victorious in Ames three out of four contests.

But Texas owns the series, winning seven straight against the Cyclones, dating back to 2013.

Texas has recouped from a tough loss at Kansas in late October to win two straight. On Wednesday night, the Longhorns took advantage of their home court to sweep Baylor in Gregory Gym.

"I think we're definitely accepting of the challenges we've faced this year," Collins said. "[We're] not letting it get to it mentally at a team."

Collins proved crucial in sweeping the Bears. Her 33 assists, eight digs and a season-high three kills helped edge the Longhorns over Baylor in the first two sets. In the final set, Texas fired out to a 25-16 victory paved by the team's 13-3 block advantage in the match.

"We're just getting back into practice and just building off of what we're capable of doing," Collins said. "Coming off the sweep is just fun."

Texas looks to retain its momentum from the sweep to earn its final road victory. The team also hopes to work out its kinks before the postseason.

"Our defense continues to improve," head coach Jerritt Elliott said. "There's some things we can definitely work on. We need to work on non-setter setting and getting some better swings for our pins."





Texas and Iowa State begin play at 4 p.m. Saturday in Ames, Iowa.



Joshua Guerra | Daily Texan Staff

Senior setter Chloe Collins and the Longhorns take their last road trip of the regular season to Ames, Iowa.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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Pitching for the Boston Red Sox, Longhorn legend Roger Clemens wins his second consecutive AL Cy Young Award.

TOP TWEET

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"I think I was born to play on those 2000-2009 Texas teams."

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Cross country shoots for NCAA Championship

The stakes are high for the Longhorns as they travel to Fayetteville, Arkansas, for the NCAA South Central Regional Championship on Friday.

Hosted by the University of Arkansas, the championship features teams from all over Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. And while it's not the largest meet the Longhorns have competed in thus far, it bears a lot of weight. Only the top two teams are guaranteed a spot in the NCAA Championship later this month, while others rely on an invite from the NCAA.

Sophomore Alex Rogers hopes the men's team controls its own destiny with a big performance this weekend.

"We have to place in the top two," Rogers said. "We have to try our best to get back to the national meet. We're going to see who has the most guts and I know we do."

The Longhorn women also hope to make a splash this weekend. Though they finished seventh in the Big 12 Championship two weeks ago, they can draw on experiences from finishing second at last year's South Central Regional.

Despite what's on the line for the team as a whole, the championship holds extra meaning for one particular member of the women's team. Senior Sandie Raines transferred to Texas from Arkansas two years ago, and she knows this is her last run at achieving All-American status.

"It's the course I started my career on as a freshman," Raines said. "This is my last year of cross probably in my life. So this meet means a lot to me."

The women's 6,000-meter race is set to begin at 11 a.m., followed by the men's 10,000-meter run at noon.

—Maria Cowley

CAMPUS

Student veteran reflects on past in military

By Chase Katacostas
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Dan Leach had already jumped 82 times, but this one was different. He was saying goodbye to the armed forces, relishing the airborne plunge for the last time.

At the University, Leach is president of the Student Veterans Association, and this year will be his second Veteran's Day since he served.

After graduating from Ohio University, Leach, now an electrical engineering graduate student, joined the Army and went straight into the special forces. He spent five years there and became a communications sergeant before leaving to pursue a master's degree with the ultimate goal of working for Raytheon, a military supplier.

When he enlisted, Leach joined the First Battalion, First Special Forces Group, a small 12-man team.

"It's a lot more close-knit than other units, and so a lot of the friends I made in the military are friends for life," Leach said. "I'm planning to have [one of them] officiate my wedding."

His 12-man team specialized in "unconventional warfare," which usually required them to train soldiers from other nations in fundamental tasks. In some cases, his team would take soldiers up into an aircraft and show them how to perform high-altitude parachute drops.

However, language barriers often existed between his team and the soldiers since they were training combat units in Thailand, Japan, the Philippines, India and Afghanistan.

"It's challenging, but it's really rewarding," Leach said. "Especially in the Philippines, their scout rangers — even



Alex Dolan | Daily Texan Staff

Dan Leach, president of the Student Veterans Association and electrical engineering student, will celebrate his second Veteran's Day since he served in the Army.

though we didn't speak the same language — those guys were really motivated and really easy to train."

Leach said the most rewarding part of his work was when he heard the soldiers he trained successfully fought off attack. But he still always worries that they might not be prepared enough for combat.

"I'm always scared of mediocrity," Leach said. "They're going to use that training in combat and if you don't train them to the best of your abilities,

it could have some pretty severe consequences."

But the team had fun times, too. Once, in Mindanao, in the Philippines, he and the other soldiers played "Fancy" by Iggy Azalea and made a humorous music video in time with the combat training.

SVA member and former Marine Dan Hamilton, who served from 2005-2009 and 2010-2011, said he has enjoyed working with Leach because he is driven to reach out and help as many students,

veterans and civilians as possible.

"We have a mutual understanding of the difficulties that we faced in the military," Hamilton said. "Those experiences shaped us and brought us to essentially the same place in life, and that provides a bond for us as leaders within the organization."

SVA's vice president Derek Moniz, an Army veteran who served from 2004-2015, said he appreciates all of Leach's work and drive to make SVA

as wide-reaching as possible. They both also worked as paratroopers in the Army.

"[We] have built a really solid friendship, and we work really well as a team," Moniz said. "We think alike and have the same ideas of trying to have a bigger vision for our group, and [Leach] just charges forward."

Even though this is his second Veteran's Day, Leach said he doesn't focus on himself as a veteran. Instead, he thinks about his friends,

family and fellow soldiers that have served.

Today, his fiancée, Amy Yau, is deployed in Afghanistan as an army doctor and their roles have been reversed: He's at home, while she's away helping the country.

"It's tough, but I think about my family, and my military family," Leach said. "When I think about all of the student veterans on campus, I'm just overwhelmed with pride."

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Jenan Taha | Daily Texan Staff

Members of the Nritya Sangam dance team practice for their upcoming exhibition at Jhalak Dance Competition this weekend. The team dances in the style of Bharatanatyam.

Dance team Nritya Sangam to perform exhibition at Jhalak

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Rap beats and Kanye West's voice replace veena, cymbals and flute notes. Jahnvi Shriram and a dozen of her teammates move across the floor, practicing a traditional Indian dance, Bharatanatyam.

"My story is similar to a lot of other people's on the team in that there's a moment when you realize Bharatanatyam is something that's going to be in your life forever," Shriram said.

Plan II and biology junior Shriram, who's done Bharatanatyam since the age of four, is co-president of Nritya Sangam, a dance troupe which focuses on Indian classical dance, specifically Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi. Both dances incorporate a myriad of hand gestures, complicated footwork and facial expressions that typically convey spiritual ideas from Hindu texts. Nritya Sangam is one of many Southeast Asian

dance teams on UT's campus and will be an exhibition act on Nov. 12 at the Jhalak Dance Competition hosted by the Indian Cultural Association in Hogg Auditorium.

Starting out as a small talent show on campus, Jhalak has grown to become a national competition, welcoming skilled Bollywood fusion performers from across the nation.

Marketing sophomore Paayal Jagada, Jhalak's hospitality director, said the main goal of the competition is to allow participants to fuse Indian and western cultures through dance.

"It's a huge expression and sharing of Indian culture," Jagada said. "What I love about it is that it's not just the Indian culture — [it's] how we express it in our generation, so in terms of the dancers and the ways that they develop the routines over the year, it's all coming from their personal experience."

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nandhan, an organizer of Jhalak and captain of UT Jazba, said if you ask someone who isn't involved with Indian culture what they know about it, a lot of the time their answer will be "Bollywood" because it's the only thing they typically associate with Southeast Asian or Indian culture.

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ART

Local artist showcases work at East Austin Studio Tour

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Amidst the cool November weather, 1,800 yellow, Japanese lucky cats are currently sitting on an East Austin lawn, in a perfect Fibonacci spiral, ready to bring warmth and joy to the visitors of the 15th East Austin Studio Tour.

Entirely hand made by UT alumna and local artist Teruko Nimura, the display is meant to visually represent one-tenth of the animals rescued every year by the Austin Animal Center, the largest no-kill animal rescue center in the United States Each of the cats can be purchased by donation to help the shelter.

"My auntie that just passed away a couple of years ago was a real connection to my culture," Nimura said. "She had [cats] that were about half of an inch [tall], all the way up to these giant ones. They were these sort of talismans for her, but when I see them anywhere I [connect] these symbols to her and to the rest of my family and my own

culture."

Nimura's work usually focuses on her Asian American identity, Japanese cultural traditions and female stereotypes within the Asian American community. For this piece, she used her Japanese heritage to create something with which she feels personally connected.

She said she hopes the tradition of good fortune will follow the lucky cats into the lives of those who take one home like an exponential good luck charm.

"They are glazed in different shades of yellow so it is this bright, optimistic, cheery image and the history is supposed to add to the good fortune for both the animals and the people that buy them," Nimura said.

The piece, titled 1,800 Lucky Cats, will be on display on Nov. 19 during the EAST Austin Studio Tour. The event, founded in 2003 by three friends in an Austin warehouse studio, has gained more than 500 participants in the past 15 years and consists of

free, self-guided tours around the east Austin art scene. Exhibitions will last throughout the weekends of Nov. 12-13 and Nov. 19-20.

EAST was originally created by several artists who banded together, hoping to draw more attention to their work by putting on a collective exhibition rather than just one opening. Hannah Packard, Director of Development at EAST's host company Big Medium, said the tour has successfully attracted wider audiences.

"The old school way was that you had to have a gallery representative or had to wait for acceptance in the art world," Packard said. "There is something really special about when artists can connect with a person [and] directly show them their process, not just their end result"

Nimura said she thinks EAST has become a much anticipated tourist event and gives excellent exposure to local artists. Alexa Johnson,

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Local artist Teruko Nimura will have her work featured in the EAST Austin Studio Tour in November. Teruko's piece, inspired by her Japanese heritage, will benefit the Austin Animal Center.